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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1-6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended): A connector for connecting to an end of a corrugated conduit, the corrugated conduit including a plurality of elevated corrugations, said connector defining perpendicular axial and radial directions and comprising:

a connecting section having a longitudinal axis;

an elongated connector portion extending from said connecting section and insertable into the end of the corrugated conduit, said connector portion having first and second ends and a conical section located proximate said first end, said conical section including a ramp surface sloping radially outwardly in a direction of said second end;

a clamp extending from said connecting section and spaced radially from said first end of said connector portion, said clamp including an engaging nose movable into a clamping position wherein said nose fits between two of the elevated corrugations of the corrugated conduit to thereby prevent the conduit from being separated from said connector;

a releasing depression provided in said connecting section;

an arresting depression provided in an end of said clamp distal from said connecting section, said arresting depression located radially adjacent said engaging nose; and

a sliding bushing surrounding said connecting section, said sliding bushing movable between a release position in which said sliding bushing is disposed in said releasing depression and said engaging nose is movable into said clamping position, and a locking position in which said sliding bushing is disposed in said arresting depression and said engaging nose is prevented from moving out of said clamping position.

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 (previously presented): The connector of Claim 7, wherein said connector portion further includes a radially outwardly extending retaining surface adjacent said ramp surface, said

retaining surface facing said second end and being directed at a greater angle relative to said

longitudinal axis of said connector portion than said ramp surface.

9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented): The connector of Claim 7, further including an annular

elastic sealing body surrounding said connector portion for sealing the corrugated conduit to said

connector.

11. (previously presented): The connector of Claim 7, wherein said clamp comprises

two clamping brackets disposed parallel to said longitudinal axis on respective opposite sides of

said connector portion, one of said brackets including said engaging nose.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (new): The connector of Claim 7, wherein, in said locking position, said sliding

bushing is closely received axially between a pair of boundary sides of said arresting depression.

15. (new): The connector of Claim 7, wherein said clamp is unitary with said

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connecting section.

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